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#### **EXHIBIT BY NEW YORK ARTIST ON DISPLAY AT UD GALLERY**

DAYTON, Ohio -- An exhibit of religious works by New York artist Melody Poltroneri will continue at the University of Dayton's Marian Library gallery through June 14. Admission is free and open to the public.

"My work always has had a religious foundation," says Poltroneri, who has exhibited at the Gallery Genesis in Chicago and Traction Gallery in Los Angeles. "It is important that my painting be a vehicle for viewers to explore their own feelings about God. The most immediately accessible images for me have been the traditional images of the Catholic Church.

"I was raised an Italian Catholic, and the ritual as well as the pictures of Mary and, naturally, the crucifix affected me deeply. The Church and its images were the most important influences in my life. As an artist, these same traditional images offer me an opportunity to explore the divine as well as the sublime. The image must always engender an emotional response from me and ideally from the viewer as well."

UD's Marian Library, located on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library, contains the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of printed materials on Mary. Established in 1943, it holds more than 70,000 books and pamphlets in more than 50 languages dating as far back as the 15th century.

Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call (513) 229-4214.

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